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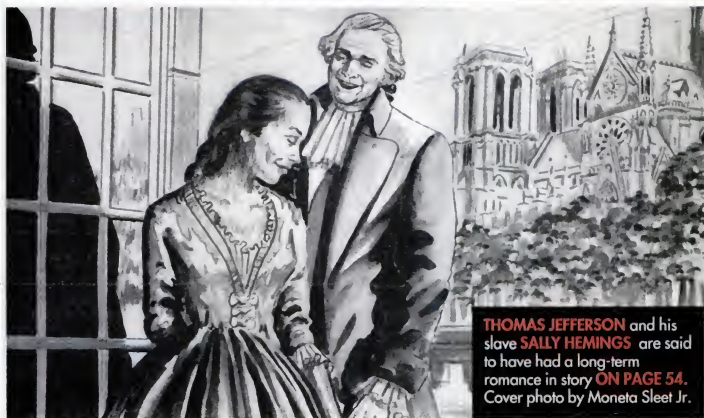
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Ron Kirk Elected The First Black Mayor Of Dallas

Ron Kirk, a prominent attorney in Dallas and former Texas secretary of state, recently was elected the city's first Black mayor.

In his new office he also becomes the first Black mayor of a major city in Texas. He did it by building a sweeping coalition which ranged from wealthy corporate Whites to poor inner-city Black and Hispanic residents.

In his campaign, Kirk promised to attract new business, retain jobs and strengthen the police force—a message the voters apparently listened to.

"I've always believed that if you have to choose between making history and making sense, you ought to make sense," Kirk said in his victory speech. "And we did articulate a message that made sense to the voters of Dallas."

Kirk, 40, was secretary of state in 1994 under former Gov. Ann Richards before joining one of the city's top law firms. He'll take a leave of absence to work at city hall. His inauguration is June 5.

Kirk received a resounding 62 percent of the votes cast. Attorney Darrell Jordan got 24 percent of the vote; Councilman Domingo Garcia came in third with 13 percent.

Mayor Steve Bartlett declined to seek a second four-year term.

The city, which has a population



▲ *Ron Kirk, a former Texas Secretary of State, celebrates his election as the first Black mayor of Dallas. Kirk is the first Black to become mayor in any major city in Texas.*

of 1.1 million, is 52 percent Black and Hispanic. But barely 100,000 people showed up at the polls in the city which was bombarded by deadly storms on election day.

Kirk, who did not rely solely on the Black vote, said he reached out

to all factions in the election. The city is about 33 percent Black.

"Don't get me wrong, I'm proud of my race, but I got in this race to be mayor of Dallas. What we did was articulate a vision that made sense to the voters of Dallas," Kirk explained.

► **WARM GREETING:** South African President Nelson Mandela and Zulu national-ist Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi shake hands after a recent meeting in Cape Town. The two leaders were trying to defuse a dispute that could ignite new fighting among their followers. Mandela promised to try to negotiate an end to their dispute over violence in KwaZulu-Natal province, which is controlled by the Inkatha Freedom Party.



This One



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Robert L. Gholson Elected New President Of Universal Life Insurance Co. In Memphis

Robert L. Gholson, who began working with Universal Life Insurance Co. of Memphis while still in college, recently was elected its president.

After working his way up the corporate ladder, Gholson will succeed Gerald T. Howell, who was elected in 1990 and has been elevated to chairman of the board there.

Universal Life was founded in 1923 by Dr. J.E. Walker and grew to become one of the nation's foremost Black insurance firms. Before Howell's election, the firm had been run by descendants of the founder, A. Maceo Walker Sr. and Patricia Walker Shaw.



Robert L. Gholson

While a student at Tennessee State University, Gholson began his career at Universal Life. He earned a degree in business administration from TSU and an MBA degree from the University of Memphis. In addition, he has earned educational and management credits through the Life Office Management Association, the organization for certification and credibility in the life insurance profession.

Gholson has fine-tuned his professional and business knowledge as a mortgage consultant and realtor and has served on numerous civic boards as well, including Memphis Boys Club and Junior Achievement.



◀ **BANKING PROTEST:**

U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) speaks to reporters as Rep. Joseph Kennedy II (D-MA) looks on. The lawmakers held a news conference to protest a plan by First National Bank of Chicago to begin charging many customers \$3 for using tellers. The lawmakers want the bank to rescind the policy and other banks to resist following suit, and are considering organizing a boycott.

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▲ **LETTERS OF FRIENDSHIP:** Tiffany Colon of Pembroke Pines, FL, hands out letters to students at Moon Middle School in Oklahoma City. Representing the Pembroke Pines student body, Tiffany presented 46,000 letters of friendship, hope and sorrow for those killed in the Oklahoma City bombing. The letters were from South Florida students.

NJ Judge Denies Payment Increase To Women Who Have More Kids While On Welfare

A federal judge in New Jersey recently upheld a state law that denies increased welfare payments to mothers who have more babies while they are already receiving welfare.

Congress and several other states are considering implementing similar laws, news reports indicate.

Saying welfare mothers need to face the reality known to so many working families, U.S. District Judge Nicholas H. Politan dismissed a challenge to the law that maintained it punishes children for their parents' actions and was improperly approved

by the federal government.

Politan said the law doesn't restrict a welfare mother's right to have as many children as she chooses, but requires her to pay for their care. He stated additional children born to welfare mothers are eligible for food stamps and Medicaid.

The New Jersey law went into effect in August 1993. The law prevented any woman who has received Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) for more than 10 months from getting an additional \$64-a-month stipend if she has another baby.

Opponents of the New Jersey law argue Politan's decision has profound implications on the national welfare reform debate and will lead to an increase in abortions.

NOTICE OF CLASS SETTLEMENT

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI JACKSON DIVISION

LORENE NEALY, et al. vs. Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society

NO. 3:93-CV-536 BN

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ALL SETTLING CLASS MEMBERS WHO DO NOT TIMELY EXCLUDE THEMSELVES FROM THE LAWSUIT WILL BE BOUND BY THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT IF IT IS APPROVED BY THE COURT. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 1-800-927-2987.

By Order of the Court, a class action has been conditionally certified for settlement purposes only in *Lorene Nealy v. Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society*, Civil Action No. 3:93-CV-536 BN in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. On August 3, 1995, the Court will hold a Fairness Hearing at the Courthouse, 245 East Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi, so the Court can determine if the class action should be finally certified and the Settlement approved as fair, reasonable and adequate. This hearing may be continued without further notice.

This class action suit alleges that Woodmen engaged in wrongful conduct in refusing to afford members of the class the full benefits of the terms and conditions of their Woodmen certificates on the basis of race, such as use of Woodmen lodges; and that Woodmen committed fraud and fraudulently concealed its wrongful conduct from its African-American/black certificate holders. Woodmen denies all of these allegations.

THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

The terms of the Proposed Settlement are set forth in detail in a Stipulation of Settlement dated April 28, 1995 (the "Stipulation"), which has been filed with the Court. The terms are only summarized here. You are encouraged to call 1-800-927-2987 or write to Class Counsel, Steven A. Martino, One Shell Square, Box 46, New Orleans, LA 70139, if you have any questions, or would like a Proof of Claim form or a more detailed notice. **DO NOT CONTACT THE CLERK OF COURT.**

A. CASH PAYMENT AND PAID-UP INSURANCE

The Proposed Settlement, if approved by the Court, will result in a cash payment for the benefit of the Class of a total of \$18,000,000 (the "Cash Settlement Fund"), and the payment of \$1,600,000 to fund the purchase of paid-up whole life insurance (the "Paid-Up Insurance Fund") to certain members of the class. After certain reductions, the cash and insurance will be distributed to members of the class based upon allocation formulas that are available upon request.

B. OTHER BENEFITS TO THE CLASS

Woodmen will establish a \$1,000,000 fund for the improvement of its Equal Access Plan and will contribute \$2,500,000 to enhance the participation of African-American members in its youth programs. Funds will also be distributed to the United Negro College Fund.

C. FEES, EXPENSES AND REPRESENTATIVE AWARDS

Class Counsel will request the Court to award expenses, as well as

attorneys' fees in an amount not exceeding 28% of the total value of the cash and non-cash benefits, and to award Class Representatives up to \$50,000 each for having served as Class Representatives.

CLAIMS YOU RELEASE IF YOU DO NOT EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CLASS ACTION

If the Proposed Settlement is approved, and if you do not request exclusion from the Settlement Class, you will be releasing Woodmen and certain additional releasees from any and all claims regarding the application for, underwriting of, purchase of, or the failure to receive or enjoy benefits in conjunction with insurance issued by Woodmen, including claims for alleged intentional and deliberate theft of the premiums paid or cash value accrued on a Woodmen insurance policy.

RIGHTS AND OPTIONS OF SETTLING CLASS MEMBERS

1. You May Remain a Settling Class Member and be represented by Class Counsel at no cost to you individually.
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3. You May Remain a Settling Class Member and Object to the Settlement.
4. If You Choose to Remain a Settling Class Member (under Options 1, 2 or 3 above), You MUST Complete A Proof of Claim Form to Receive Any Benefits and Submit It No Later Than July 15, 1995.
5. You May Request Exclusion From the Settlement Class.

DEADLINES FOR ABOVE OPTIONS

THE DEADLINE FOR FILING AN ENTRY OF APPEARANCE, ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE SETTLEMENT, A NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR AT THE FAIRNESS HEARING, A PROOF OF CLAIM FORM, OR A REQUEST TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS IS JULY 15, 1995.

PROOF OF CLAIM PROCEDURE

If you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, and you wish to share in the proceeds of the Cash Settlement Fund and receive other benefits as set forth above, YOU MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED AND TIMELY PROOF OF CLAIM FORM NO LATER THAN JULY 15, 1995.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 1-800-927-2987.

TICKER TAPE

by Simeon Booker, Washington Bureau Chief

Confidential: Hardest of the GOP controls to adjust to on Capitol Hill is that only Republican members can preside over the House or Senate. This means that only two of the 41 Black members are allowed to take charge. Under the Democrats, stalwarts such as Reps. **Cleo Fields**, **Kweisi Mfume** and **John Lewis** frequently performed in the televised role to gain national political exposure. Nowadays, only Black GOPers **J.C. Watts** and **Gary Franks** are eligible to preside. The Democratic members have available one minute "Special Orders" television floor time... As "an effective advocate, strategist and coalition builder," **Ralph G. Neas** for 15 years coordinated the lobbying efforts of the 180 national organizations in the Leadership Conference for Civil Rights. Honored at the 45th anniversary dinner in Washington, Neas, a White lawyer who once worked for Massachusetts Sen. **Edward Brooke**, was reminded of the perils of the difficult job he was

leaving. AFL-CIO civil rights director **Richard Womack** was forced to take over Neas' post on a part-time basis...Businessman **Sidney Williams**, the first Black U.S. ambassador to the Bahamas, has achieved a reputation among the islanders for his interest in youth. He is regarded as "a most popular variety." Few realize that his wife is California Rep. **Maxine Waters**...Math educator Dr. **Mary H. Johnson**, no sooner had been named principal of Washington's experimental Balou Science Technology Academy, than her book, *You are Special!*, began to spur parents to help train Black children. Among this year's graduates is the principal's star pupil, **Mardi Pinkney**, who was offered more than \$350,000 in scholarship offers... Premier fund raiser: Mrs. **C. David Hinton**, whose project is the Equal Justice Awards Dinner of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.

National Headliners

Most knowledgeable about Olympic Games data in Atlanta is **Lyn May** of the PR office, a former Mayor **Maynard Jackson** aide...**Audrey Rice-Oliver** was elected chair of the North California delegation to the White House Conference on Aging...Only Black chief of staff on a Senate staff is **Barry H. Caldwell** with Pennsylvania Sen. **Arlen Specter**... First Black woman to direct the Washington office of the American Civil Liberties Union is **Laura Murphy Lee**... Quaint Event-Mississippi Rep. **Bennie G. Thompson's** \$500 fund-raising catfish fry.



Sidney Williams



Bennie Thompson

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▲ Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan (far, l) speaks during a recent fund-raising rally at the historic Apollo Theater in New York as Dr. Shabazz and others applaud. Dr. Shabazz, who a year ago accused Farrakhan of at least some involvement in the assassination of her husband, Malcolm X, reconciled with the controversial leader after her daughter, Qubilah Shabazz, was charged last January with plotting to kill Farrakhan.

Dr. Betty Shabazz, Minister Farrakhan Mend 30-Year Rift During Fund-raiser

After a 30-year rift between the Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan and the widow of Malcolm X, Dr. Betty Shabazz, the two symbolically ended their feud by shaking hands during a fund-raiser at the historic Apollo Theater in Harlem.

"Minister Farrakhan, may the god of our forefathers forever guide you

on your journey," Shabazz said as 1,400 spectators cheered.

Farrakhan, who had been accused by Shabazz in the past for having some part in the assassination of Malcolm X in 1965, again denied any involvement and he berated those he said of using the issue to create a split in the Black community.

"It's sad that there are those who do not want to see Sister Shabazz and I sit down and make an honest attempt at reconciliation, when we are both victims of a wider conspiracy," Farrakhan said.

Shabazz's daughter, Qubilah—who, at age 4, saw her father's brutal assassination in the Audubon Ballroom—also believed Farrakhan was involved, and in January she was charged in Minneapolis with hiring a hit man to kill Farrakhan. She told an FBI infor-

mant she believed Farrakhan now was planning to kill her mother.

Last year, Betty Shabazz told a TV interviewer that Farrakhan played at least some role in her husband's murder, but has since recanted.

And Farrakhan leaped to Qubilah Shabazz's defense, accusing the federal government of trying to drive a wedge into the Black community.

The charges were recently dropped against Qubilah Shabazz who signed a plea agreement, saying she accepted responsibility for her conduct in the plot but maintained her innocence.

Farrakhan approached Betty Shabazz about the event to help the family offset costs for attorneys fees.

▼ Qubilah Shabazz (2nd, r) enjoys a laugh with her mother Betty Shabazz and family attorneys Percy Sutton (r) and William Kunstler (l), outside the Minneapolis Federal Building after recently reaching a settlement with prosecutors to drop murder-for-hire charges.





◀ *Tracy Hampton, the latest juror dismissed from the Simpson trial had told Judge Ito she couldn't take it anymore. She's been replaced by a Hispanic woman.*

Black Juror In Simpson Case Is Dismissed And Is Replaced By Hispanic

A 26-year-old flight attendant who told Judge Lance Ito that she couldn't take it anymore has become the latest juror dismissed from the O.J. Simpson jury panel.

Tracy S. Hampton, who had told the judge several weeks ago that she wanted off because she couldn't take the sequestration and the problems with the deputies assigned to watch jurors, finally got her wish. The case

has lost at least one jury member every three weeks.

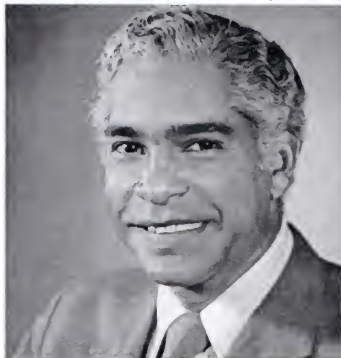
Adding even more intrigue to the case, Ms. Hampton was hospitalized twice in three days after her dismissal. Neither she nor any of the medical officials treating her would comment on the nature of her illness. Some television stations reported that she had seizures.

The latest dismissal leaves only five alternates in addition to the 12 jurors, raising still more questions about whether there will be enough jurors left to keep the trial going.

Ms. Hampton has been replaced by a 28-year-old Hispanic woman. The Hampton dismissal drops the number of Blacks on the panel from nine to seven. There are three Whites and two Hispanics. The Hispanic woman who replaced Ms. Hampton mentioned in a questionnaire that O.J. Simpson "is the only person who had a visible motive" to kill his ex-wife Nicole, 35, and her friend, Ron Goldman, 25.

Also Jeanette Harris, another dismissed juror, has said that the Hispanic woman replacing Ms. Hampton hit a member of the jury panel. Hampton indicated to reporters that she would make a statement but had not done it by JET press time.

Architect Award Winner John W. Moutoussamy Succumbs In Chicago



John Moutoussamy

John Warren Moutoussamy, 73-year-old architect who designed the 11-story, ultra-modern Johnson Publishing Company building in downtown Chicago and received the Honor Award for design of Theodore K. Lawless Housing Development in Chicago, suffered a heart attack while playing golf in the Windy City and died.

Moutoussamy, managing partner in the firm of Dubin, Dubin and Moutoussamy—architects and engineers—was eulogized at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Chicago.

A graduate of Illinois Institute of Technology in 1948 with a B.S. degree in architecture, Moutoussamy

received honors from the American Institute of Architects, served on the trustee boards of the Art Institute of Chicago and Loyola University, where he was awarded the Doctor of Laws degree.

In 1970, Moutoussamy was the architect who designed the Johnson Publishing Co. building, one of the most widely visited architectural landmarks on Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago.

Moutoussamy is survived by his wife Elizabeth and their children, Claude and Jeanne Marie Moutoussamy-Ashe.

▼ *Architect John Warren Moutoussamy designed the home office of Johnson Publishing Co., the world's largest Black-owned publishing company, located on Michigan Ave. in the downtown Chicago Loop.*



The Birth Control Pill Turns 35 Years Old

It's hard to believe it has been 35 years since the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the pill as a form of birth control.

Considering that 4 out of 5 sexually active women have used this form of contraceptive since that time, it's no wonder that the pill has become the most popular method of birth control.

Today, it's the method of choice for some 10 million women throughout the country, a recent report in USA Today revealed.

With the pill on the market and approved by the FDA in 1960, women were able to enjoy sex without the worry of getting pregnant. Prior to that time birth control methods were more complicated and didn't work very well, research has indicated.

"It was an enabler, a big catalyst allowing women to make major changes in their lives," Susan Scrimshaw, dean of the school of public health at the University of Illinois in Chicago, said in USA Today.

She added, "It made it so much easier to postpone, to space children and then to choose smaller families. For the first time, you didn't have to feel beholden to a biological destiny."

Scrimshaw pointed out that the pill allowed women the opportunity to pursue education and careers without forgoing relationships or

family. "If the pill hadn't been discovered, we'd have less perfect methods, and employers wouldn't have been as willing to let women in en masse," Scrimshaw said in the report.

Research shows usage of the pill tends to peak by women in their late teens and 20s. In fact, only about 11 percent of women age 35 to 39 use the pill, compared to 61 percent of females 18 to 19 years old.

Much has been made about the possible health risks of the pill. However, Dr. David Grimes, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at San Francisco General Hospital, explained in USA Today that the pill does not pose significant health risk for women unless they are smokers.

Grimes noted that for the vast majority of healthy women the pill is "perfectly safe."

One of the most talked about recent criticisms of the pill centers on a possible link to breast cancer.

While most studies show no cancer tie to the pill for women overall in the general population, Dr. Herbert Peterson, chief of the women's health and fertility branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, said "we're beginning to see a consistent link between taking the pill and breast cancer diagnosis before 35."

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Rifampin enhances the metabolism of concurrently administered DIFLUCAN. Depending on clinical circumstances, consideration should be given to increasing the dose of DIFLUCAN when it is administered with rifampin.

DIFLUCAN increased the serum concentrations of theophylline. Careful monitoring of serum theophylline concentrations in patients receiving DIFLUCAN and theophylline is recommended.

Because of the occurrence of serious cardiac dysrhythmias in patients receiving other azole antifungals in conjunction with terfenadine, an interaction study has been performed, and failed to demonstrate a clinically significant drug interaction. Although these events have not been observed in patients receiving DIFLUCAN, the co-administration of DIFLUCAN and terfenadine should be carefully monitored.

Fluconazole tablets coadministered with ethinyl estradiol- and levonorgestrel-containing oral contraceptives produced an overall mean increase in ethinyl estradiol and levonorgestrel levels; however, in some patients there were decreases up to 47% and 33% of ethinyl estradiol and levonorgestrel levels. The data presently available indicate that the decreases in some individual ethinyl estradiol and levonorgestrel AUC values with fluconazole treatment are likely the result of random variation. While there is evidence that fluconazole can inhibit the metabolism of ethinyl estradiol and levonorgestrel, there is no evidence that fluconazole is a net inducer of ethinyl estradiol or levonorgestrel

metabolism. The clinical significance of these effects is presently unknown.

Physicians should be aware that interaction studies with medications other than those listed in the Clinical Pharmacology section have not been conducted, but such interactions may occur.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis and Impairment of Fertility: Fluconazole showed no evidence of carcinogenic potential in mice and rats treated orally for 24 months at doses of 2.5, 5, or 10 mg/kg/day (approximately 2-7x the recommended human dose). Male rats treated with 5 and 10 mg/kg/day had an increased incidence of hepatocellular adenomas.

Fluconazole, with or without metabolic activation, was negative in tests for mutagenicity in 4 strains of *S. typhimurium*, and in the mouse lymphoma L5178Y system. Cytogenetic studies *in vivo* (murine bone marrow cells, following oral administration of fluconazole) and *in vitro* (human lymphocytes exposed to fluconazole at 1000 µg/mL) showed no evidence of chromosomal mutations.

Fluconazole did not affect the fertility of male or female rats treated orally with daily doses of 5, 10 or 20 mg/kg or with parental doses of 5, 25 or 75 mg/kg, although the onset of parturition was slightly delayed at 20 mg/kg p.o. In an intravenous perinatal study in rats at 5, 20 and 40 mg/kg, dystocia and prolongation of parturition were observed in a few dams at 20 mg/kg (approximately 5-15x the recommended human dose) and 40 mg/kg, but not at 5 mg/kg. The disturbances in parturition were reflected by a slight increase in the number of still-born pups and decrease of neonatal survival at these dose levels. The effects on parturition in rats are consistent with the species specific estrogen-lowering property produced by high doses of fluconazole. Such a hormone change has not been observed in women treated with fluconazole.

Pregnancy: Teratogenic Effects. Pregnancy Category C: Fluconazole was administered orally to pregnant rabbits during organogenesis in two studies, at 5, 10 and 20 mg/kg, and at 5, 25, and 75 mg/kg respectively. Maternal weight gain was impaired at all dose levels, and abortions occurred at 75 mg/kg (approximately 20-60x the recommended human dose); no adverse fetal effects were detected. In several studies in which pregnant rats were treated orally with fluconazole during organogenesis, maternal weight gain was impaired and placental weights were increased at 25 mg/kg. There were no fetal effects at 5 or 10 mg/kg; increases in fetal anatomical variants (supernumerary ribs, renal pelvis dilation) and delays in ossification were observed at 25 and 50 mg/kg and higher doses. At doses ranging from 80 mg/kg (approximately 20-60x the recommended human dose) to 320 mg/kg embryofetality in rats was increased and fetal abnormalities included wavy ribs, cleft palate and abnormal craniofacial ossification. These effects are consistent with the inhibition of estrogen synthesis in rats and may be a result of known effects of lowered estrogen on pregnancy, organogenesis and parturition.

There are no adequate and well controlled studies in pregnant women. DIFLUCAN should be used in pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the possible risk to the fetus.

Nursing Mothers: Fluconazole is secreted in human milk at concentrations similar to plasma. Therefore, the use of DIFLUCAN in nursing mothers is not recommended.

Pediatric Use: The safety profile of DIFLUCAN in children has been studied in 577 children aged 1 day to 17 years who received doses ranging from 1 to 15 mg/kg/day for 1 to 1.6 days for indications other than vaginal candidiasis. The most commonly reported adverse events were vomiting (5%), abdominal pain (3%), nausea (2%), and diarrhea (2%).

ADVERSE REACTIONS: In patients receiving a single dose for vaginal candidiasis.

During comparative clinical studies conducted in the United States, 448 patients with vaginal candidiasis were treated with DIFLUCAN, 150 mg single dose. The overall incidence of side effects possibly related to DIFLUCAN was 26%. In 422 patients receiving active comparative agents, the incidence was 16%. The most common treatment-related adverse events reported in the patients who received 150 mg single dose fluconazole for vaginitis were headache (13%), nausea (7%) and abdominal pain (6%). Other side effects reported with an incidence equal to or greater than 1% included diarrhea (3%), dyspepsia (1%), dizziness (1%), and taste perversion (1%). Most of the reported side effects were mild to moderate in severity. Rarely, angioedema and anaphylactic reaction have been reported in marketing experience.



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▲ Attending 40th annual Freedom Fund Dinner are civil rights activist Rosa Parks (sitting) and (l-r) Atty. Melvin "Butch" Hollowell, dinner chairman; Rep. Kweisi Mfume; Blondy Jean Hester, dinner co-chair; Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and Robert Eaton, chairman and CEO of Chrysler Corporation, who served as the dinner's corporate chairman.

Annual Detroit NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner Raises Record \$1.5 Million

The 40th Annual NAACP Fight for Freedom Fund Dinner held recently at the Cobo Center in Detroit was so successful it set a new fund-raising record of \$1.5 million.

A capacity crowd of more than 10,000 people including politicians, civil rights leaders and entrepreneurs filled the center for the annual event which benefits the civil rights

▼ Keynote speaker Kweisi Mfume (2nd,l) is congratulated after spirited speech by (l-r) Joann Watson, executive director of Detroit NAACP; the Rev. Wendell Anthony, president of Detroit NAACP; Melvin "Butch" Hollowell, dinner chairman; and Dr. Claude Young, president of Detroit SCLC.





▲ Enjoying event are (l-r) O'Neil Swanson, Sr. of Swanson Funeral Homes; Earl Graves, publisher of *Black Enterprise Magazine*; Robert Eaton, chairman / CEO of Chrysler and dinner corporate chairman; and Michigan state Senator Henry Stallings II

organization's social programs.

This year's theme was "No Turning Back From Victories Won...Strong and United For The Battles Ahead."

Maryland Congressman Kweisi Mfume, who served as the keynote speaker, gave a rousing address on the need to unite in an effort to respond to recent governmental attacks on affirmative action.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to venerable former Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, whose last public appearance was nearly a year ago.

The award was presented to



Coleman Young

Young on behalf of the Detroit chapter—the largest in the U.S. with over 6,000 members—by former Michigan Gov. William Milliken.

Young, received an award symbolic of his character and the fight for freedom and equality that waged during his tenure as mayor. The award was a large forged steel bowl

with a glass flame rising from its center. It was designed at Detroit's Center for Creative Studies. Young is the first recipient of the award.

When Young walked on stage to accept his award, everyone in the room jumped to their feet and greeted the former mayor with thunderous applause.

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This Week In Black History

May 17, 1875 —

The first Kentucky Derby was won by **Oliver Lewis**, a Black jockey who rode Aristides to victory at Churchill Downs in Louisville, on this day. Today in America, Blacks play a very small role in the popular and lucrative sport of horse racing, but that was not always the case. During a brief period beginning with the first Kentucky Derby and continuing until about 1911, Black jockeys dominated the riding end of the sport. Black trainers were prominent, and many expert observers appraised Blacks as the best all around horsemen in the United States.

May 19, 1965 —

▼ **Patricia Roberts Harris**, a law professor at Howard University, was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on this day as ambassador to Luxembourg. Mrs. Harris was the



first Black woman in the United States to be named an ambassador. Her other outstanding achievements include: becoming the first Black woman to be appointed to a Cabinet post during the Carter administration. She served two Cabinet posts: secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW). She died in 1985.

May 23, 1948 —

▼ **Claude McKay**, author and poet, died in Chicago at the age of 58 on this day. His first book of poems, *Songs of Jamaica*, won him the Mulgrave Silver Medal. In 1929, the William A. Harmon Foundation honored Mr. McKay with a gold medal and \$400 for his



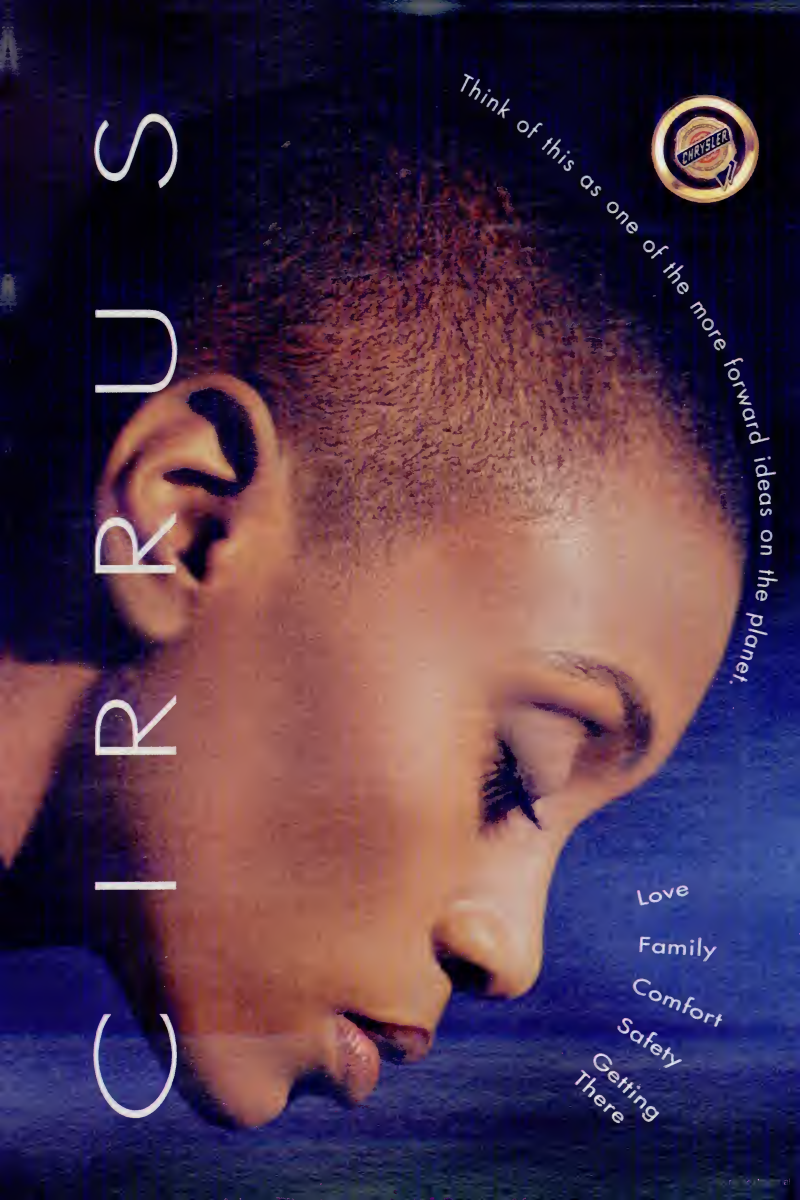
book of poems *Harlem Shadows* and his best-selling book *Home to Harlem*. Other of his outstanding achievements include: Being the first Black awarded the medal of the Institute of Arts and Sciences in Jamaica and being the first Black to write a best seller in fiction. In 1933 his autobiography, *A Long Way From Home*, was published. Many of his later works were translated into Russian, French, Japanese and Chinese.

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Cecil Kearsce, the divisional vice president of menswear at Kmart Corp. based in Troy, MI, has been promoted to vice president and general merchandise manager for men and children at the company.



Yvonne Atkinson Gates, a Clark County Commissioner in Las Vegas, was recently elected the chairperson of the commission. She is the first

Black woman to hold that post and will serve for the next two years.



Dr. James L. Sweatt III, highly regarded thoracic surgeon in Dallas, recently became the first Black president of the Dallas County Medical Society in

the group's 119-year history. The society has a membership of more than 5,000 physicians.



Mitch Thomas, professional staffing specialist for Walt Disney World Co., in Lake Buena Vista, FL, was recently promoted to manager, diversity recruit-

ing, in charge of placing minority candidates in salaried and professional posts there.

Antoinette Malveaux, who has served as director of operations at the National Black MBA Association in Chicago for nearly three years, has been named executive director of the organization.

Belinda Stubblefield, category manager in the PetCare division of Nestle Food Company in Glendale, CA, has been named to the new post of vice president, workforce diversity, focusing on recruitment of women and minorities there.

Michael W. Lewis, vice president/division administrator for Special Industries Group at Harris Bank in Chicago, has been named senior vice president of the division, which services builders, contractors, and real estate.


Bernadette Locke-Mattox, assistant athletics director at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, has been named head coach of the women's basketball team there. She is the first Black woman to hold that post.

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▲ **TOGETHER FOREVER:** Lisa Arnold and Andre Gibson recently pledged to love each other forever during a gala wedding ceremony at Ben Hill United Methodist Church in Atlanta. The bride is a graduate of the Univ. of Tennessee and is a senior traveling auditor for General Motors Acceptance Corp. in Atlanta. The love of her life is a graduate of Morris Brown College in Atlanta and an Airborne Ranger there.



▲ **THE ONE I LOVE:** Jerry Ursin and Ka'ma Shack joined hands and hearts during their recent nuptials at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Meridian, MS. Mrs. Ursin holds degrees from Xavier Univ. and Mississippi State Univ. She is a psychometrist with the Greenville Public Schools. Her husband, a graduate of Tulane University, is a chemical dependency counselor for North Sunflower County Hospital there.

► **60 YEARS OF BLISS:** Mr. and Mrs. Alious Watkins Sr. are still on cloud nine after recently celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with friends and family at their Chicago home. She is a retired glazer for a fur company and he is a retired machinist. Their union has been blessed with eight children, 25 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. The key to their longevity: God, respect, love and laughter.





▲ **JOINED IN HOLY WEDLOCK:** The Rev. and Mrs. Tyrone Crider feel truly blessed after recently being united in holy matrimony at Fellowship Baptist Church in Chicago. The bride, the former Regina Leslie, is a computer scheduler with Ameritech in the city. Rev. Crider, who previously served as president of Operation PUSH, is pastor of New Hope Community Baptist Church on Chicago's South Side.



▲ **HERE'S TO US:** Guy Hamilton and Roslyn Wyche, both Delaware State University graduates, make a toast to happiness after their recent wedding at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Woodbury, NJ. The bride is a supervisor with TMCC/Lexus Financial Services in Horsham, PA. The groom is in management with Enterprise car rental in Turnersville, NJ. They took a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean.

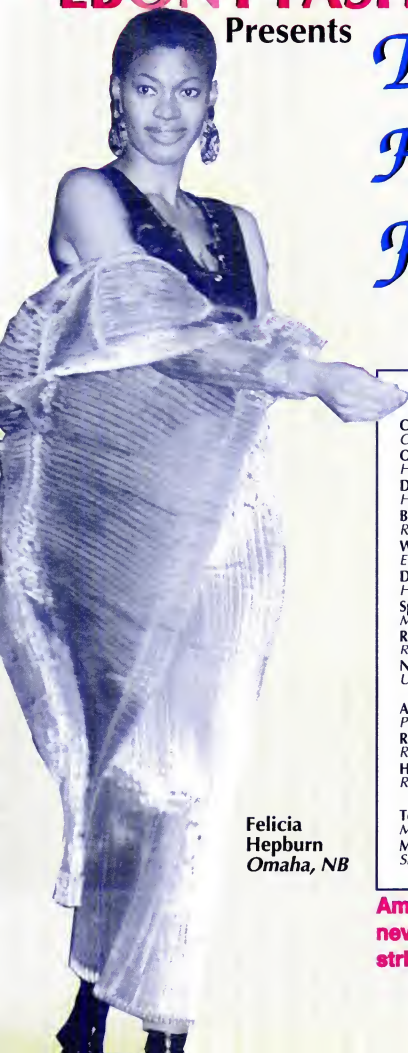


◀ **LOVE BIRDS:** Caged doves cooed in the background as Lisa Hammond and Genesiak Folkes exchanged wedding vows recently at Beulah Baptist Institutional Church in Tampa, FL. The new Mrs. Folkes, an alumna of Hampton (VA) Univ., is a Delta Airlines flight attendant. The bridegroom, who retired from the military, is a senior at Morris Brown College in Atlanta. They honeymooned in Hawaii.

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Father-Son Duo Team Up To Make New Movie



Filmmaking duo Mario and Melvin Van Peebles made the action-packed drama *Panther*. Mario directed the film and Melvin wrote the screenplay. They co-produced the film.

'PANTHER'



Father and son filmmakers Melvin Van Peebles and Mario Van Peebles have teamed up to bring moviegoers a revealing look into the 1960s' Black Panther Party in the new movie, *Panther*.

Panther dramatizes the Black Panther Movement which began in 1966 in Oakland, CA. It is a fictionalized version set

◀ Founding members of the Black Panther Party For Self-Defense Bobby Seale, played by actor Courtney B. Vance (l), and Huey Newton, played by Marcus Chong, keep watch in front of Panther headquarters.



▲ Director Mario Van Peebles sizes up a shot on the set of *Panther*. Mario previously directed the hit movies *New Jack City* and *Posse*. His father Melvin Van Peebles, a trail-blazing filmmaker, gained fame with his 1970 film *Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song*.

against real-life events that occurred during the Black Panthers' rise to prominence in the '60s.

Panther was directed by Mario Van Peebles and written by Melvin Van Peebles and is based on his novel. The father and son team also co-produced the powerful new film, along with Preston Holmes.

The father and son duo say working together was a real joy.

"I'm dealing with the person who changed my diapers," Mario joked during an interview with the N.Y. Daily News. "We're two different filmmakers, but I think that is healthy."

To that his proud father Melvin said, "He's getting better and bet-

ter...he's getting closer to me."

In the movie, a Vietnam vet (Judge) played by actor Kadeem Hardison returns home to Oakland and is impressed and a little intimidated by what he sees. Judge eventually joins the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense.

The Black Panther Party was



► Kadeem Hardison (l) plays Judge, a Vietnam vet, and Jennifer Lewis plays his mother. Both characters are drawn into the Panther movement in the film.



▲ *Rap star Nefertiti makes her film debut as Alma—a strong Black woman who becomes a dedicated and outspoken member of the Panthers. Up-and-coming actor Bokeem Woodbine (r) plays tough-minded and heroic Tyrone, one of the leaders of the Panther group.*

founded by Huey Newton and Bobby Seale, who are portrayed in the movie by actors Marcus Chong and Courtney B. Vance, respectively.

Armed with a knowledge of the law and the passion to help their Black community, Newton and Seale and their Panther Party monitor police activities.

The talented cast also includes Bokeem Woodbine, rapper Nefertiti and veteran comedian-activist Dick Gregory, who portrays a minister and community leader. Melvin Van Peebles has a cameo appearance in the

movie, while Mario appears briefly as activist Stokely Carmichael. Also featured are comedian-actor Chris Rock and soul singer Bobby Brown who are featured as two of the neighborhood residents.

The *Panther* soundtrack boasts such recording stars as Bobby Brown, Aaron Hall, Shanice, Sounds of Blackness and Tony, Toni Tone. The first single from *Panther Freedom* features a group of women performers including Vanessa Williams, Queen Latifah, Salt-n-Pepa, Mary J. Blige, TLC, Lalah Hathaway, Patra and others.

Panther is the brain-child of Melvin Van Peebles, who captures the essence of the Panther movement in his

◀ *Mario and his father Melvin are joined by former Black Panther David Hilliard (r) and Fredricka Newton (2nd, l), the widow of Huey Newton, during a bash at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences in Beverly Hills.*



novel, which he worked on over the past 15 years and is a reflection of his firsthand contact with the movement.

Van Peebles, though never a party member himself, travelled in the same politically active circles and knew the Panthers' top leaders Huey Newton and Bobby Seale.

His 1970 film, *Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song*, which he wrote, directed and starred in, was a favorite among Panther members.

"My film, *Sweet Sweetback*, was made mandatory viewing for the Panthers by Huey," said Melvin, who lent his financial support to the Panthers via benefit concerts. He remembers Newton saying: "*Sweet Sweetback* blows my mind every time I talk about it because it's so simple and yet so profound."

Panther also is the completion of a circle for the younger Van Peebles. "In one of his pieces about my dad's film, *Sweet Sweetback*, Huey Newton wrote about a child actor in the movie. That kid was me. And now

I'm directing a film about the movement that he and Bobby Seale founded."

Co-producer Preston Holmes was attracted to *Panther* because it is an entertaining and vivid story about "everyday people who saw a situation, analyzed it and decided to do something about it."

He added, "This film is not a documentary. What we hope to do in a dramatic and entertaining way is to make a connection between what's important in the minds of young people today with what was going on back in the formative days of the Panthers. These were young people—most of them in their teens and early 20s—who set out to change conditions in their communities, in their country."

Mario says he hopes viewers will want to learn more about the Black Panther Party. "Some folks will go to this film, they'll say, 'Is any of this true?' and they'll run out and buy a book. If it encourages them to read at all, that's positive."



◀ Mario Van Peebles is accompanied by U.S. Representative and former Black Panther Bobby Rush (D-IL) as they enter Planet Hollywood restaurant in Chicago to donate items from the new movie. Rush expressed approval of the movie.

Blacks Are Among Most Sought After Speakers At College Commencements This Year



Bill Cosby



Alice Walker



Gwendolyn Brooks



Marian Edelman



Johnnetta Cole



Henry Foster

As graduating students throughout the nation prepare to receive diplomas this graduation season, the members of the Class Of '95 await one last lecture: the all important commencement speech.

Such addresses are given by highly esteemed individuals who may range from entertainers to politicians to newsmakers.

Among this year's most sought after commencement speakers are several Blacks. The speakers, according to a recent account in USA Today, include:

- **Bill Cosby**, entertainer/humanitarian who has long been one of the most requested speakers for commencement ceremonies.

- **Alice Walker**, Pulitzer prize-winning author of *The Color Purple*.

- **Gwendolyn Brooks**, author and Poet Laureate of Illinois.

- **Marian Wright Edelman**, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund.

- **Johnnetta Cole**, president of Spelman College in Atlanta.

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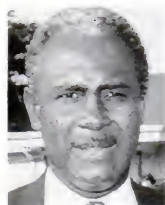
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▲ **GETTING FIT WITH OPRAH:** Talk show host Oprah Winfrey (c) leads fans and friends on a 5K walk through Wickham Park in Manchester, CT. Winfrey's recent fast-paced walk with some 1,000 participants was part of her fitness campaign called "Get Movin' With Oprah: Spring Training 1995."

Harvey Gantt Named To Head Planning Agency For D.C.



Harvey Gantt

One of the nation's most respected Black architects, Harvey Gantt of Charlotte, NC, was named by President Clinton to chair the National Capital Planning Commission, the federal government's central planning agency in the nation's capital.

A principal in the firm of Gantt

Huberman Architects, Gantt is acclaimed not only for his architecture, but for his political career as well. He served two terms as mayor of Charlotte, and lost a close U.S. Senate race in North Carolina to Sen. Jesse Helms. He reportedly is planning a new try.

As an architect, Gantt has tremendous education and career achievements. The first Black student admitted to Clemson University, he received his master's degree in city planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has spent five years on the North Carolina Board of Architecture and was a fellow with the American Institute of Architects in 1987.

Mandela's Mementos Fetch \$136,000 At Auction

Mementos from South African President Nelson Mandela were recently auctioned off during a fundraiser in Cape Town. The event, which collected more than \$136,000, was held to help defray the cost of last year's all-race elections in South Africa.



Nelson Mandela

A pair of Mandela's well broken-in tennis shoes, which he wore during the end of his 27 years in prison, were sold for \$2,700. The shoes, which brought in the most money, were purchased by Hi-Tec, the company that made the shoes. It plans to

use them in advertisements.

Also, on the auction block was a pair of green-tinted sunglasses, which sold for \$1,360. The sunglasses were purchased by African National Congress member Pumzile Ngcuka, who said he bought them "because I hope to see the world through his eyes."

Also, auctioned off were the shoes given to Mandela by prison officials a year prior to his release; two of his very colorful shirts; autographed copies of his autobiography *Long Walk to Freedom*; and commemorative crystal stemware.

▼ **MR. CUB SINGS:** Legendary Chicago Cubs slugger Ernie Banks joins the Chicago Symphony Orchestra during a recent break in their regularly scheduled program to perform a special rendition of *Take Me Out To The Ball Game*. Banks, known affectionately as "Mr. Cub," welcomed back major league baseball in this special melodious manner after an eight-month-long work stoppage.





▲ **TIPPER TALK:** Tipper Gore, wife of Vice President Al Gore, smiles while holding two-month-old Miranda Garcia while on a recent visit to the Sojourner Truth House, a shelter for the homeless in the Bronx. Shelter residents Tara David and her seven-month-old son Beltran also met Gore during her visit.

▼ **SHOT IN MOBILE:** Scolitia Sutton, 16, shot in the mouth while watching a neighborhood basketball game in Mobile, AL, is loaded into an ambulance. Sutton was able to spit out the slug of a small caliber hand gun. At JET press time, Sutton was listed in stable condition.





the week's best photos

■ MIKE VS. MUGGSY:

During a playoff game in Charlotte, NC, 6-foot-6 Chicago Bull Michael Jordan towers over 5-foot-3 Charlotte Hornet Tyrone "Muggsy" Bogues, the shortest player in the National Basketball Assn. (NBA).

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■ **RESPECTS TO THE GODFATHER:** James Brown, the legendary godfather of soul, gets a congratulatory hug from musician Aaron Tippin as his wife Adrianne applauds. Tippin recently inducted Brown into the South Carolina Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame during the annual James Brown Birthday Bash in Augusta, GA. Brown celebrated his 62nd birthday.



■ **ROYALLY HONORED:** Superstar singer/songwriter/musician Stevie Wonder receives the World Music Award from Princess Stephanie of Monaco during a ceremony at the Sporting Club in Monaco. Wonder's new album *Conversation Peace*—his first in four years—is climbing to the top of the record charts.



▲ Former Michigan and current Washington Bullets basketball player Juwan Howard (front row, 2nd, l) is congratulated by former Michigan teammate Ray Jackson. The Fab Five members, including Jimmy King (far right) participated in the school's recent spring commencement.

Washington Bullets Star Rookie Juwan Howard Keeps Promise To Deceased Grandmother, Earns College Degree

Juwan Howard, the Washington Bullets standout rookie forward and former member of the University of Michigan's "Fab Five," recently earned his college degree at Michigan's spring commencement ceremony in Ann Arbor.

In doing so, Howard keeps a promise he made to his grandmother, Jannie Mae Howard, who died after he signed his letter-of-intent to Michigan.

"My parents were very young when they had me, and so my grandmother took on a lot of the responsi-

bility of raising me," Howard said in the USA Today. "She gave me direction."

Howard earned a communications degree from the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, at Michigan, making him the first in his family to attain the coveted sheepskin.

What is more amazing is that the former Fab Five member—a nickname given to Michigan's five blue-chip recruits, which include NBA stars Chris Webber and Jalen Rose, and Michigan stars Jimmy King and Ray Jackson—earned his degree on

time with the class he entered college with during his freshman year.

"Somewhere down the line I can tell my kids, 'Yes I did leave school early, but I did go back and got my degree,'" Howard explained.

When Howard left Michigan following his junior year, he was 32 credit-hours short of a degree. Howard managed to crank out 25-page term papers while on the road with the Bullets.

"You have to give up things. In the NBA, you have a lot of practices, a lot of games and a lot of travel, but you usually have most of the days to do whatever you want," Howard said.

During the commencement ceremony, Children's Defense Fund President and keynote speaker Marian Wright Edelman recognized Howard as the first member of his family to graduate from college.

▼ **TOP DEFENDER:** Denver Nuggets star Dikembe Mutombo is all smiles after learning he is the NBA Defensive Player of the Year. The 7-foot-2 center received 45 of the 105 votes from a nationwide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters. Chicago Bulls forward Scottie Pippen was second with 16 votes and Houston Rockets center Hakeem Olajuwon—who won the last two seasons—was third with 13.



► **FAMILIAR FRIEND:** Chicago Bulls superstar Michael Jordan admires a miniature version of a statue depicting Jordan on his way to a familiar dunk, at the team's training site in Deerfield, IL. The full-size statue is outside of the United Center in Chicago where the Bulls play their home games.



Shaquille O'Neal Named National Spokesman For Reading Programs

Powerful Orlando Magic center Shaquille O'Neal recently lent his mighty image to the power of books, by being named national spokesman for Reading Is Fundamental (RIF).

The 7-foot, 300-pound dynamo of the hardwood is also part of the Read A Book For Mom summer reading program.

From May 8 through Aug. 31, children ages 7 through 18 will be

urged to read a book and write a one-page description of it.

The winning youngsters of this contest will receive two round-trip tickets to Orlando and hotel accommodations to see O'Neal play in an NBA game. The winning mother receives free flowers for one year.

Children can enter the contest, which is sponsored by 1-800-FLOWERS, by mailing their book descriptions to Read A Book For Mom, c/o 1-800-FLOWERS, 1600 Stewart Ave., Westbury, NY, 11590.

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► **PENN WINNERS:** Diane Guthrie-Gresham of George Mason University wins the Women's College long jump at recent Penn Relays competition in Philadelphia. Guthrie-Gresham won the heptathlon event as well.



◄ Rice's Kareem Street-Thompson leaps a meet record of 27-feet, 7 ½ inches in the men's long jump competition at the Penn Relays. The record held as Street-Thompson won the event.



▲ **ALI'S STILL A KNOCKOUT:** Former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali autographs gloves for fans at the recent opening of the Ali Museum in a downtown Louisville, KY, mall. For now, the temporary exhibit is in a single room but developers plan an expansion to the museum in a year with a goal for a free-standing Muhammad Ali Museum and Education Center.



Miami Heat Head Coach Alvin Gentry Fired

Alvin Gentry, who was a mid-season replacement of fired Miami Heat head coach Kevin Loughery, recently was fired by the team.

A late-season slump that cost the Heat a berth in the NBA playoffs was cited by observers as the reason he lost his job.

Gentry, 40, compiled a 15-21 record after replacing Loughery during a team shake-up. The Heat lost six of its last eight games of the regular season and missed out on the

Miami Heat head coach Alvin Gentry cheers on his team against the Milwaukee Bucks in Miami on Feb. 15. The Heat fired Gentry after a late-season slump cost the team a berth in the NBA playoffs.

last playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Like Loughery, Gentry will be offered another position in the Heat organization, but the team's vice

president said Gentry indicated he will seek a coaching job with another team.

Gentry was the team's third coach in eight years.

▲ **PRETTY PLEASE ON MY KNEES:** Cleveland Indians slugger Dave Winfield pleads his case on his knees with third base umpire Joe Brinkman after being called out sliding into third base during a recent ball game at Tiger Stadium in Detroit. Winfield, 43, tried to run from first base to third on a teammate's hit to center field.



William Perry Calls It Quits; Eyes Possible Pro Wrestling Career



recently retired from football.

The 32-year-old defensive tackle with the Philadelphia Eagles is reportedly investigating a career switch to pro wrestling, according to his agent.

"He has announced his retirement and at this point Perry is contemplating exploring opportunities with pro wrestling federations," said Kathy Fitzwater, assistant to Perry's agent Jim Steiner in published reports.

At JET press time, Perry did not comment. Nor did his team, the Eagles, which said it would wait to hear from Perry about his plans.

Perry captured the hearts and minds of fans with his backfield running in Super Bowl XX when he rushed for a touchdown with the champion Chicago Bears a decade ago.

Despite his 6-foot-2 300-plus pound frame, the 11-year veteran out of Clemson University had a 42 inch vertical leap and the quickness of a cat.

His refrigerator nickname came because teammates said he was as big as a refrigerator.

▲ William Perry laughs it up during workouts last year at the Philadelphia Eagles facility. The 11-year veteran out of Clemson retired and is studying the possibility of a pro wrestling career.

William "The Refrigerator" Perry, the large athletic football player who captured the imaginations of fans around the globe,

DID THOMAS JEFFERSON HAVE A BLACK FAMILY?



With the recent release of the new movie, *Jefferson in Paris*, questions have resurfaced as to whether or not U.S. President Thomas Jefferson had a Black family.

Jefferson was a man of contradictions. Adamant that "all men are created equal" as author of the Declaration of Independence, he was a slavemaster. Jefferson was also an

◀ *Ret. Gen. John Q. T. King said he learned of his family ties to Jefferson as a child hearing the oral history that was passed down from one generation to the next.*

▼ More than 100 of the nearly 1,400 members of the Woodson family attended a recent reunion. They are believed to be the descendants of President Thomas Jefferson and his slave Sally Hemings.



outspoken critic of race-mixing but reportedly had a long affair with one of his slaves that resulted in his fathering six children.

Historians have criticized the movie's portrayal of Jefferson, played by Nick Nolte, in an extended love affair with one of his slaves, Sally Hemings, who is played by Thandie Newton. Their affair supposedly began when Sally came to Paris to care for Jefferson's daughters while he served as ambassador to France after the Revolution.

While most historians are skeptical of the Jefferson-Hemings liaison, some descendant's of Jefferson's slaves have insisted it is fact—not fiction. Like Robert H. Cooley III, a Richmond, VA attorney, who backs

▼ Sally Hemings and Jefferson reportedly began a long-term romance when the young slave came to Paris to care for his daughters while Jefferson was a minister to France after the Revolution. The nation's Founding Father is said to have fathered six children by the slave.





up his claim with nearly 200 years of oral history that points to his being a direct descendant of the nation's third president.

Cooley traces his lineage back to

► *Richmond Attorney Robert Cooley III traces his roots back to Thomas Woodson, who was supposedly the first-born son of Hemings and Jefferson. Cooley has met with scholars, historians and White descendants of Jefferson in an effort to legitimize his own family legacy.*

◀ *In 1802 after Jefferson had been elected the third president of the United States, a Richmond newspaper printed a scathing article about his secret love affair with slave Sally Hemings. Reports of their liaison have been the topic of considerable debate for nearly 200 years.*

Thomas Woodson, who was supposedly the first-born of Hemings and Jefferson.

Cooley recalled getting a lukewarm reception during a dinner with Jefferson scholars and White descendants at the president's Monticello home. "At the post-dinner reception," Cooley began, "One man told me he didn't believe the story for one minute and he didn't know how I





▲ Mrs. Jane Floyd, reportedly a great-great-granddaughter of Jefferson, and her son Arthur Kaiser, display some of the books that support her assertion that slave Sally Hemings had children by her slavemaster, President Thomas Jefferson. She said their affair was kept "hush-hush" for fear of a resulting scandal.

would be treated if I were to show up at the periodic meetings of Jefferson's White descendants."

But as Cooley is quick to explain, it is not the Woodson family's design to lay claim to the Jefferson kinship but rather to ensure the patriarch of the clan—Thomas Woodson—and the achievements of his descendants are not forgotten.

"Since then family members have gone on to be a part of the founding

of Ohio's Wilberforce University and have become educators, physicians, engineers, architects, business executives, media personalities, attorneys, judges, psychologists—the list goes on and on," Cooley said. He pointed out, "We want to be clear that the family focus is on its own accomplishments and its future."

John Q.T. King, retired U.S. Army major general and president emeritus of Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, TX, said since he was a child he had been taught by family elders that Thomas Jefferson was an ancestor.

King, 73, agreed with Cooley that the family is not professing a bloodline to the president as a status symbol. "The family's primary interest is not to 'claim' kinship with Thomas Jefferson, but to legitimize the existence of Thomas Woodson."

Efforts to document the family legacy have turned up five lines of descendants of Thomas Woodson with approximately 1,400 people who maintain they heard the same oral account of their family ties to Jefferson. That's no surprise to Jane Floyd, 82, a retired educator from Los Angeles, who says she is Jefferson's great-great granddaughter.

She said the affair between Hem-



▲ *R. Jane Faithful, president of The Thomas Woodson Family Assn., recently accepted plaque honoring descendants of Thomas Jefferson during Founder's Day ceremony at Wilberforce University.*

ings and Jefferson was kept quiet because of the possibility of scandal if the truth were ever revealed. "Because of the illegitimacy associated with it, it was hush-hush at the time," she said.

But during Jefferson's presidency in 1802, a Richmond newspaper carried a scathing article on the president's secret love life that left tongues wagging in a debate that has raged nearly 200 years.

Writer James Callender's article began, "It is well known that the man...keeps and for many years has kept, as his concubine, one of his slaves. Her name is Sally. The name

of her eldest son is Tom. His features are said to bear a striking, though sable resemblance to those of the president himself..."

"By.....Sally, our president has had several children. There is not an individual in the neighborhood of Charlottesville who does not believe the story, and not a few who know it."

R. Jane Faithful of Bridgeport, OH, serves as president of The Thomas C. Woodson Family Association. Entrusted with the duty of overseeing the family legacy, she is bent on making sure that her forefather, Thomas C. Woodson, is not forgotten.

She keeps his memory alive by attending events and speaking before groups on her ancestor's link to Jefferson. She recently attended the 139th Founder's Day ceremony at Wilberforce (OH) University. Mrs. Faithful said, "(Wilberforce President) Dr. John Henderson...spoke on 'Remembering Our Legacy' and presented a plaque to the Woodson Family for their contributions to Wilberforce as one of its founders."

Will the debate ever end over whether or not one of the country's Founding Fathers fathered children by slave Sally Hemings? The Charlottesville Daily Progress recently reported that after nearly two centuries the definitive answer may lie in sophisticated DNA analyses comparing samples of hair from Jefferson and the descendants of Sally Hemings.



▲ *Cornell University trustee Thomas W. Jones, who was at the forefront of a 1969 militant takeover of the student union because of poor race relations, chats with former Cornell President James Perkins after Jones endowed a \$5,000 prize in honor of his former adversary.*

Former Cornell Militant Endows \$5,000 Prize In Honor Of Ex-President

Carrying a rifle and raising a clenched fist, Thomas W. Jones was last to emerge from the student

union hall occupied by Black militants in a 1969 showdown over race relations at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY.

Jones, who is now president of the world's largest pension fund, recently returned to upstate New York to endow a \$5,000 prize that rewards efforts on campus to foster "interracial understanding and harmony."

And in a surprise twist, the 45-year-old protestor-turned-patron has named the annual prize after James Perkins, the Cornell president who was forced to step down a month after the highly charged, 34-hour takeover of Willard Straight Hall ended April 20, 1969.

Jones' relationship with the Ivy League school has come full circle. A



◀ *Jones, carrying a rifle and raising a clenched fist, leaves student union building after Black militant takeover in showdown over race relations on Cornell campus in 1969.*

generation ago he was at the forefront of students protesting the lack of Black studies programs there and what they saw as the university's treatment of them as second-class citizens.

Looking back, Jones acknowledges that the guns weren't necessary. "I could have sat down with President Perkins. All of the legitimate issues could have been resolved without the kinds of confrontations that occurred."

Jones, who was appointed to Cornell's board of trustees in 1993, explained why he wanted to donate the funds for the prize: "I simply feel the need to acknowledge that he was an extremely decent man who had the courage to do the right thing in trying to help America solve

its racial problems by improving educational access for minorities." Jones added, "It's an attempt to come to closure with a chapter in the university's history, a chapter in my life."

Jones credits Perkins with engineering one of the earliest college drives to enroll Blacks. Jones stayed there long enough to earn a master's degree in 1970 and helped organize a Black studies curriculum before rising to the No. 2 post at Manhattan-based TIAA-CREF, a pension fund with \$142 billion in holdings.

Perkins, now an environmental policy consultant in Princeton, NJ, said he was "really astonished and proud" to have the prize named after him.

Education Gap Closes Significantly, Yet Blacks Still Trail Whites In Wages And Jobs: Report

Despite significantly closing the educational gap, Black Americans still trail Whites in wages and employment opportunities, a recently released study shows.

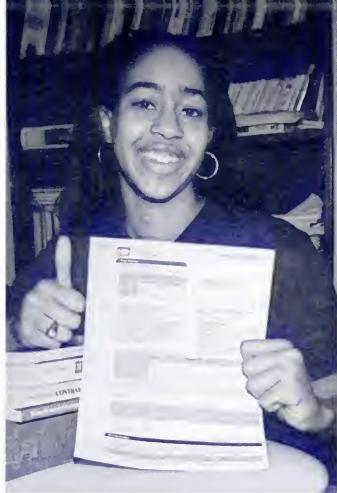
The study by labor economist Jared Bernstein of the nonpartisan Economic Policy Institute attributed the disparity to continued job discrimination and labor market trends that more adversely affect Blacks.

"Blacks have gone a long way toward closing educational gaps between themselves and Whites, at

least as far as high school completion is concerned," according to the study, "Where's the payoff?"

The study added, "Nevertheless, the wages and employment opportunities of many Blacks and other minorities continue to lag behind those of Whites."

The study concluded that without help from the government, including worker training programs and a higher minimum wage, Blacks are likely to fall further behind in the labor market despite their educational gains.



▲ *Skylar Byrd of Washington, DC, gives a thumbs up to her perfect score on the SAT. Only 25 of the 1.8 million students who took the test last year made a perfect score.*

D.C. Junior Makes Perfect Score On SAT

To say that Skylar Byrd is smart would be like saying Michael Jordan can play a little basketball. It just wouldn't really capture the point, especially when you consider that this 15-year-old junior high school student recently earned a perfect score of 1,600 on her Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT).

To fully grasp the magnitude of this achievement, it is important to understand that only 25 of the 1.8 million students who took the test nationwide last year scored 1,600, says the Educational Testing Service, which administers the tests. What's more, no student from the

Washington, D.C., public school system has made a perfect score since the early 1970s.

But even before the Benjamin Banneker High Schooler knew the results, she had a feeling that she had done well on the standardized tests. But a 1,600? No way.

"When I first saw the scores I really didn't believe it. But then I realized it was *my* score," says Byrd, who is a member of the National Honor Society. "I was happy. I told my sister...and my parents...and we just all started jumping around."

Officials in the D.C. public school system are also ecstatic about Byrd's test scores. "This is really phenomenal and I think the world should know it," said Dr. Eugene Williams who oversees the National Merit Scholars, a summer program for the city's brightest juniors-to-be, of which Byrd was a participant last year.

With perfect test scores in hand—as well as a grade point average of 3.76 out of 4.0—Byrd is planning for college. "I'm not sure of my first choice yet," she told JET. "But I am looking at several Ivy League schools and some that aren't in the Ivy League."

Wherever she chooses to go she knows three things for sure. Her father, Thelon, a professor at Bowie State University, and her mother, Rita, an information specialist for a private company, and officials at her school will keep her headed in the right direction. Up.

Study Shows 23 Million Women In U.S. Have Arthritis

Arthritis pain, stiffness and swelling afflicts 23 million women across the nation and hampers daily activities of nearly 5 million of them, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Experts say for every two men with the disease, there are three women who have it. The estimates are a result of polls of 24,201 women from 1989 to 1991.

The second most frequent health

problem with women was high blood pressure, which only 8 million have.

Dr. Arthur Grayzel said while the number of women suffering with arthritis is considerable, "Not all of these people are going to have really severe crippling arthritis." In addition to weight reduction and exercise programs that relieve joint stress, Grayzel said "over-the-counter pain relievers work fine" to alleviate arthritis discomforts.

Schools Lacking In Health Education: Experts Say

Student health education is not being provided by the nation's elementary and secondary schools, a coalition of health, education and policy experts reported.

In fact, fewer than 5 percent of these schools provided health education on a continuing basis, the experts recently revealed.

Unless current trends in nutrition, substance abuse, violence, stress and suicide subside, the nation's youth face a bleak future, the group noted.

"We have a generation of adolescents that is heavier, less physically

active and—especially among girls—that is smoking more than its parents were at the same age," said Dr. Charles Hennekens of Harvard Medical School.

He added, "Preventable causes of death—including automobile accidents, unintentional injuries, murder and suicide—account for 40,000 deaths each year among young people between the ages of 10 and 24."

Hennekens said, too, that AIDS has also become a principal cause of death among youths over the past decade.

JOURNALISM

'Hoop Dreams' Wins Special RFK Journalism Award

Hoop Dreams, the poignant documentary film about two Black youths who dream of pro basketball, recently received a special award from the 27th annual Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Awards.

"In lieu of a grand prize, we decided to give special recognition to

an exceptional documentary film that does not fit in any conventional categories," said awards chair Carole Simpson in the Chicago Tribune.

The film records the lives of Arthur Agee and William Gates, two gifted high school youths who dream of playing pro basketball.

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■ 2 PAC



■ TLC



1. ME AGAINST THE WORLD

2Pac (Interscope)

2. CRAZY

TLC (LaFace)

3. THE ICON IS LOVE

Barry White (A&M)

4. MY LIFE

Mary J. Blige (MCA)

5. ILLUSIONS

George Duke (Warner Bros.)

6. READY TO DIE

Notorious B.I.G. (Big Beat)

**7. NEW JERSEY DRIVE VOL 1
SOUNDTRACK**

Various Artists (Tommy Boy)

**8. KIRK FRANKLIN AND THE
FAMILY**

Kirk Franklin And The Family (Gospo-
Centric)

9. PANTHER SOUNDTRACK

Various Artists (Mercury)

10. BAD BOYS SOUNDTRACK

Various Artists Work/Columbia

11. FRIDAY SOUNDTRACK

Various Artists (Priority)

12. CONVERSATION PEACE

Stevie Wonder (Motown)

13. IN A MAJOR WAY

E40 (Jive)

14. DIVA OF SOUL

Shirley Brown (Malico)

15. FOR THE LADIES

Whispers (Capitol)

16. IT'S TIME

Howard Hewitt (Caliber)

17. BRANDY

Brandy (Atlantic)

18. FROM THE BOTTOM UP

Brownstone (MJJ)

19. ALL IN THE GAME

CrimeBass (Suave)

20. BEGGIN AFTER DARK

H-Town (Luke)



■ MONTELL JORDAN



■ TLC

1. THIS IS HOW WE DO IT

Montell Jordan (Polygram)

2. RED LIGHT SPECIAL

TLC (LaFace)

3. BABY

Brandy (Atlantic)

4. FOR YOU LOVE

Stevie Wonder (Motown)

5. FREAK LIKE ME

Adina Howard (Elektra)

6. DEAR MAMA

2Pac (Interscope)

7. CANDY RAIN

Soul For Real (MCA)

8. THINK OF YOU

Usher (LaFace)

9. ANSWERING SERVICE

Gerald LeVert (Eastwest)

10. ASK OF YOU

Raphael Saadig (Columbia)

11. JOY

Blackstreet (Atlantic)

12. COME ON

Barry White (A&M)

13. GRAPEVINE

Brownstone (MJJ)

14. I CAN CALL YOU

Portrait (Capitol)

15. CRAZY LOVE

Brian McKnight (Mercury)

16. FEEL SO HIGH

Desire (Epic)

17. SOUTHERN COMFORT

Down South (Atlantic)

18. MOVE IT LIKE THIS

K-7 (Tommy Boy)

19. CAN YOU SEE

Total (Tommy Boy)

20. EMOTIONS

H-Town (Luke)

Nikki Giovanni Bounces Back After Cancer Forces Partial Removal Of Her Lung And Ribs

Nikki Giovanni, poet-author whose work captured the essence of the 1960s Black art movement, revealed recently she had to have part of a lung and several ribs removed after being diagnosed with cancer.

Giovanni, 51, best known for her works *Ego Tripping*, *My House* and *Cotton Candy on a Rainy Day*, said in The Atlanta Journal newspaper she had the surgery after the malignant tumors were discovered after she had a chest x-ray.

"I always try to be useful (and) I would never say, 'Don't smoke,'" she told the newspaper. She did, how-



Nikki Giovanni

ever, issue this warning: "But if you're smoking, you really should get a chest x-ray; that's what saved my life."

Giovanni's most recent work is *Racism 101*, a collection of essays on family, pop culture, education and literature. A creative writing instructor at Virginia Polytechnic University in Blacksburg, VA, she said with her recent cancer scare behind her, she is looking forward to writing again.

"I can see the danger in people like me," she told the newspaper, "You get this tumor and you don't die, so you feel you have this mission."

► **NO BLUES TONIGHT:** Blues legend Buddy Guy, who was nominated for Blues Artist of the Year at the annual W.C.

Handy Blues Awards, has no reason to be blue as he gives an autograph to fan Gay Adegbalola of the blues group Saffire, backstage after the ceremonies in Memphis.





television



'Passenger 57'

Wesley Snipes is anti-terrorist expert John Cutter who attempts to apprehend psychotic terrorist hijacker Charles Rane played by **Bruce Payne**. Also starring in *Passenger 57* are **Alex Datcher** and **Robert Hooks**, (Sunday, May 21 at 9 p.m.,ET) on ABC. Others scheduled to appear this week include:

Reginald VelJohnson

in *Die Hard 2*, (Thursday, May 18 at 8 p.m.,ET) on CBS.

Eriq LaSalle on "ER," (Thursday, May 19 at 10 p.m.,ET) on NBC.

Mark Curry/Raven Symoné/ Holly Robinson/Nell Carter/ Sandra Quarterman/Marquise Wilson on "Hangin With Mr. Cooper," (Friday, May 19 at 8 p.m.,ET) on ABC.

Henry G. Sanders on "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman," (Saturday, May 20 at 8 p.m.,ET) on CBS.

Calrence Gilyard on "Walker, Texas Ranger," (Saturday, May 20 at 10 p.m.,ET) on CBS.

Meshach Taylor on "Dave's World," (Monday, May 22 at 8:30 p.m.,ET) on CBS.

Vondie Curtis-Hall on "Chicago Hope," (Monday, May 22 at 10 p.m.,ET) on CBS.

James McDaniel on "NYPD Blue," (Tuesday, May 23 at 10 p.m.,ET) on ABC.

S. Epatha Merkerson on "Law & Order," (Wednesday, May 24 at 10 p.m.,ET) on NBC.



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